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SUBJECT: SAT Update and Redesign

Beginning March 2016, students will take the newly redesigned SAT. College Board has updated the SAT in order to measure the essential knowledge and skills for college and career readiness as shown by research.

Due to the changes in the SAT format and design, there are significant changes in the scores that will be reported. The redesigned SAT will have a total score, two section scores (evidenced Based Reading and Writing and Math); three test scores (Reading, Writing/Language, and Math), as well as sub scores for specific content/skill areas. For additional information about these scores, go to

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/understanding-scores>

All SAT assessments administered prior to March 2016 will be the previous model of the assessment and use the previous guidelines for scoring. All students testing in March 2016 will take the new SAT. As a result, the score used to meet Academic Honors Diploma criteria will be changed. Updating the score for the Academic Honors Diploma can only take place after College Board performs a concordance study after the first administration and scoring of the redesigned SAT. The Indiana State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, will determine a new threshold for the Academic Honors Diploma.

According to College Board, the following dates provide guidance on when schools and students can expect scores:

SAT scores will be available to students and sent to colleges beginning on the following dates:

- Jan. 23 test date: Feb. 11 score delivery (Old SAT)
- March 5 test date: Mid-May/early June score delivery (New SAT; Concordance table should be available in June)
- May 7 test date: Mid-June score delivery
- June 4 test date: Mid-July score delivery

Scores from the new SAT taken in March will not be available until May or early June. The new SAT score criteria for the Academic Honors Diploma cannot be determined until the concordance table is finalized. It is anticipated that the concordance table will be available in June. Guidance will be distributed to schools as soon as the concordance table is received and a new score is determined. Students pursuing admissions to college or university will need to check with the individual school to determine admission requirements and on their policies for using SAT scores.